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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Sylvie Genard

Application No.: 10/764,158

Group Art Unit: 1654

Filed: January 23, 2004

Examiner: S. S. Shirali

For METHOD FOR SYNTHESIZING KPV
: TRIPEPTIDE DIAMIDE DERIVATES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2006, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

I. Claims 1-19, 27-28, 32-38 and 45, drawn to a method of making a common amino acid form of KPV tripeptide diamine derivative or a composition thereof; classified in class 514, subclass 2+.

II. Claims 1-19, 27-28, 32-38, and 45, drawn to a method of making a stereoisomer form of KPV tripeptide diamine derivative or a composition thereof; classified in class 514, subclass 2+.

III. Claims 20-21, 23-25 and 39-44, drawn to a compound comprising the common amino acid form of KPV tripeptide diamine derivative; classified in class 530, subclass 333.

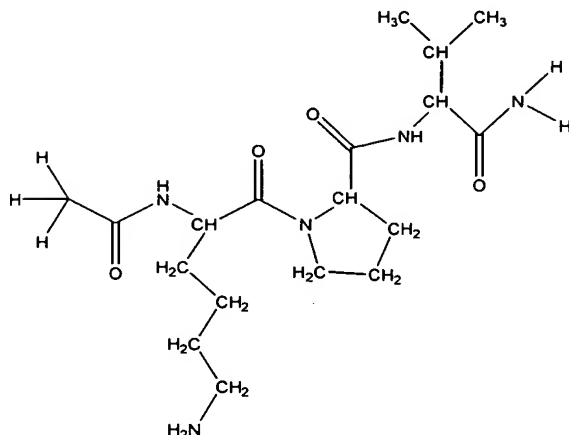
IV. Claims 20-25 and 39-44, drawn to a compound comprising a stereoisomer form of KPV tripeptide diamine derivative; classified in class 530, subclass 333.

V. Claims 29-31, drawn to a method of treating dry skin using the common amino acid form of KPV tripeptide diamine derivative; classified in class 424, subclass 1.69+.

VI. Claims 29-31, drawn to a method of treating dry skin using a stereoisomer form of KPV tripeptide diamine derivative; classified in class 424, subclass 1.69+.

In a phone conference with Examiner Maury Audet on November 22, 2006, the Examiner agreed to rejoin Groups I and II of the present restriction as Group I. Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-19, 27, 28, 32-38, and 45. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

In response to the Election of Species, Applicants hereby elect the following species of the compound of Formula (I):

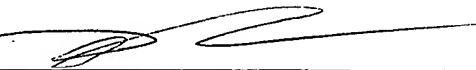


Applicants believe that the following claims are readable on this election: claims 1-19, 27, and 28.

Should the examiner have any questions with regard to the foregoing, the examiner should contact the undersigned at the examiner's convenience at 908-654-5000. In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

Dated: December 13, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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